lack of certain requisite documentation. The State Government has been requested to furnish the same and upon its receipt the proposals will be considered.

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*377. SHRI C. APOK JAMIR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Ministers of the North-East States have submitted a set of recommendations on restructuring of the North-Eastern Council far back in 1997;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) by when Government is likely to accept these recommendations; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that due to non-acceptance of these recommendations, North-Eastern States are in a bind over the economic development of the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) After considering the recommendations of the State Governments, North-Eastern Council Amendment (Bill), 1998 has been introduced in Rajya Sabha on 8/12/1998.

(c) It is not possible to indicate any time limit by when the Bill would be passed by both the Houses of Parliament.

(d) Delay in passing the Bill by both the Houses of Parliament is not affecting the economic development of the region.